

## Five Shining Lights in the World Series

Four Who Won Distinction Are Red Sox and One a Dodger

SHERROD SMITH ONLY REAL FLATBUSH HERO

Scott, Boston Shortstop, Deserves Special Mention for His Wonderful Play

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Disappointing as the 1916 world series may have been, from the standpoint of genuine sportsmanship, the games between the world's champion Red Sox and the Dodgers nevertheless developed an unusual number of real heroes of the time-honored classic.

The edge was taken off the blue ribbon event of baseball through the failure of the Dodgers to fight with the spirit expected of champions. The men of Wilbert Robinson quit badly in the second game at home as soon as the Sox overcame Rube Marquard's early lead. They did not fight back at all in the closing game in Boston. It was this apparent lack of aggressiveness, this moody resignation to the inevitable, that robbed the series of its chief charm.

Through the three games that the Brooklyn players kept their heads up the series was as stirring and exciting as any one could ask. It was apparent after the first contest that as a well-balanced organism of offense and defense the world's champions had the better of their challengers. The Dodgers were unrepentant in the pinchers; the Red Sox almost superhuman in situations of like kind.

Brooklyn Surrenders  
Yet while Brooklyn fought with everything it had the team proved itself worthy of the American League's best. It was only when Brooklyn surrendered that the greater championship dignity of the National League was made manifest.

In a way, it is unjust to single out individuals of the two-time world's champions as objects of special praise. The entire cast of Carrigan performed so splendidly throughout the five games that full justice could not be done to the team without recounting the sterling deeds of one and all.

At the opening and in the form shown against Brooklyn the Red Sox appeared to be a club worthy of the mighty aggregations of the past that were mentioned in the survey: Ned Haney, Gus Gettle, Fred Clarke, Frank Chance, C. G. Swann, and the rest of the team.

In comparison, especially through the last half of the series, the Dodgers appeared painfully weak. Boston lived up to expectations in every particular. Brooklyn showed strength. Its pitching almost matched that of the renowned corps of five that carried Carrigan to a pennant. But they were the young, untried from a world's series standpoint, that is—those who proved the towers of strength.

The greatest disappointments of this world's series were Jake Daubert and Zach Wheat. Both seemed scared almost to death throughout. Neither was within 60 per cent of his true form. There were many number of Brooklyn players who threatened to become real world's series heroes, but were cheated of the honor because of shortcomings, that cropped out later.

Take Rube Marquard for example. He went down before Ernie Shore in the opening game, not from any fault of his own, but because the Brooklyn infield, which was so weak, went all to pieces in the pinch. In this first game, even though he lost, Marquard kept his place on the pedestal he earned by his pitching in the Red Sox series of the world's series of 1915. But in the second game at Brooklyn he ruined his chance by blowing the handsome lead of 2 to 0 in the

## Prospects Bright at Yale For the Swimming Team

Blue Expects to Defend Successfully Title Won Last Year.

Louis Ferguson, captain of the Yale swimming team, has taken count of the material available for the approaching intercollegiate season and believes prospects are bright for the successful defense of the championship title won by the Blue last year.

While there is not on the squad a swimmer of the wonderful all-around ability of Herbert Vollmer, of Columbia, several unusually strong candidates are on hand for each of the regulation events, and they promise to score enough points, collectively, to overcome the advantage gained by Columbia through its star performer.

Among the New Haven sprinters now at practice are Schlaef, Mayer, Rosner, Jenks and Thomas, five speedy crawlers, who, with Ferguson, should yield a record breaking relay quartet and able contestants for the 50 and 100 yard swims, while the 220-yard event will be well taken care of by Ferguson and Hopkins.

In the plunge for distance Yale will have the services of Landstreet, runner-up in the championship of 1915, as well as of Adams and Bright, both star gliders. In fancy diving there will be Benjamin, Scooby and Hewitt, three experienced and consistent divers. There is not a weak spot on the team.

Ludy Langer, of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, winner last summer of most of the free-style swimming championships, secured a position in Honolulu during his recent visit to the Hawaiian Islands and will remain there indefinitely.

The swimmers of the San Diego Rowing Club furnished a decided surprise in the championships of Southern California, held a week ago at Balboa. The meet was expected to prove a clean sweep for the Los Angeles A. C. team, but the San Diego boys showed quite unexpected strength, winning the relay race, 100 and 400 yard swims, and scoring a total of 47 points. They missed victory by only a narrow margin.

Princeton appears to be in line for

team mates handed him over Dutch Leonard.

Then there is Hi Myers. In the second game, Boston he performed heroic deeds that would have established his claim to world's series fame in spite of the setback his club suffered had he not disgraced the performance by a mediocre showing in the same patrol in the last game at Braves Field.

On his good day Myers hit the great Ruth for a home run, the only score his team made; he saved the game by a wonderful throw to the plate that side-tracked the winning run, and he made a wonderful shooting catch where failure would have been a home run for the enemy.

It was this same game that uncovered the real hero of the Brooklyn side in Sherrod Smith, the husky young south-paw who drew the hard assignment of facing Ruth. Ruth was generally conceded to be the best pitcher of the Red Sox and the leading scrapper of the American League. Yet Smith out-pitched his left-handed rival. He should have shut out Boston in nine innings but for Cuthbert's fumble on an easy grounder. He might have won his own game with a long hit had he not been coached into trying to stretch a double into a three-base hit.

Smith lost to Ruth in fourteen innings. He lost after Brooklyn failed to grasp one golden opportunity to break the 1-1 tie in the eighth inning. Over-caution on the part of Coombs, who earlier had coached Smith to certain destruction and at the same time left him so blown that Scott immediately clipped him for the triple that eventually tied the score, cost Smith a world's series triumph. Coombs stopped at third a runner who could easily have made the place on a long single to center in the eighth inning.

Shore Pitching Hero

Shore was the pitching hero of the Red Sox because he won two games—the opening and the closing contests. The rangy right-hander of Boston made good his claim in the last battle, when he set down Brooklyn with three hits, one of them a scratch. Shore took the measure of Pfeffer in this engagement. He clearly outpitched Jeff, and but for a passed ball would have shut out the Dodgers.

Supported as he appeared to equal advantage, but it was his misfortune to be toiling with a club whose mind was centered on the losers' end of the purse. Pfeffer figured prominently in Brooklyn's only victory. He held safe a one-run lead that Jack Coombs turned over to him when the veteran walked out of the box. Shore was credited with the first game, though, like Coombs, he did not carry to the finish. Carl Mays was called upon to stop a Brooklyn rally that threatened Boston with disaster in the ninth inning.

Scott, the shortstop of the Red Sox, saved the opening game for Mays and Shore and the whole Boston outfit by a remarkable stop and throw from a position away in behind Gardner. This play saved the Red Sox from the third out of the retired Daubert for the third out of the retired Daubert. The bases were filled and the tying run was over the plate when Scott nipped Jake. Scott was without doubt the fielding sensation of the series. He made any number of brilliant plays, several of the calibre of that which cheated Daubert of a hit and saved the opening game.

Scott was Boston's infield lion. He had thirty-six chances in the five games, saved the game in the fifth, and made the most of his few blows. Twice he erred then, but neither bobbled at all cost.

Duffy Lewis, the Native Son who pitched the field for the world's champions, always has shone at his best in world series events. His bludgeoning was one of the contributors to the defeat of the Phillies in the 1915. Again this year Lewis was the leading slugger of all the regulars engaged. He hit .353 and he fielded perfectly. Lewis made any number of wonderful catches where the game hung in the balance.

Larry Gardner, third baseman of the Red Sox, got only three hits in the five games, but these three placed him on the pedestal with Home Run Baker. Two of them were home runs, made in consecutive days. The first one knocked Jack Coombs out of the box, though it did not retrieve victory; the second one knocked Marquard and put the Dodgers to rout. Gardner, therefore, made the most of his few blows. But aside he was a terror—almost the equal of Scott in range and certainty.

another water polo championship this season. Five of the six regulars who won the pennant last year are back at college and the Blue has a dozen good players waiting to fill the one vacancy. It will take some tall hustling on the part of the other colleges to build up a sextet able to beat the veteran aggregation.

Miss Dorothy Burns, of Los Angeles, swam 100 yards on her back a few days ago in 1 minute 26.1 seconds over a straightaway course, and the performance will be claimed at a national A. U. record for women.

The Pittsburgh Aquatic Club has taken up soccer water polo and gathered together the material for a strong team, which will be entered for the championship tournament if it is held within reasonable distance of Smoke-town.

Contrary to expectation Amherst will not join the intercollegiate league as a regular member, but retain associate membership, which is necessary to enter candidates for the individual championships. The league rules make participation in both the swimming and water polo tournaments, and Amherst has no water polo team.

Report has it that Teddy Cann, of the New York A. C., who recently defeated 220 yards in Honolulu the three world's records at the distance—Kahanamoku, Cunha and Vollmer—will represent New York University in collegiate swimming.

Howard Drew, the crack negro sprinter, has left the University of Southern California, and will matriculate at Drake University in Des Moines. Drew expects to be able to return to the cinder path this spring. Drew has fallen victim to the newspaper game, he admits, and expects to write his way through college.

"I have been offered a job on a newspaper at Des Moines," said Drew, "and I will attend the university. My contract with the paper is for three years, so I suppose that I will stay in college that long, anyway."

Drew says that his back would not permit him to play football this year, but that he would be able to sprint in the spring.

Drake University Gets Star Sprinter

Howard Drew, the crack negro

## Heroes of the Recent Games for the Highest Baseball Title



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